

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 47 Somerset Road

Historic Name Edwin & Ida Stevens House  
(Stevens-Emery House)

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1926

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman/Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim wood clapboards

Roof slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

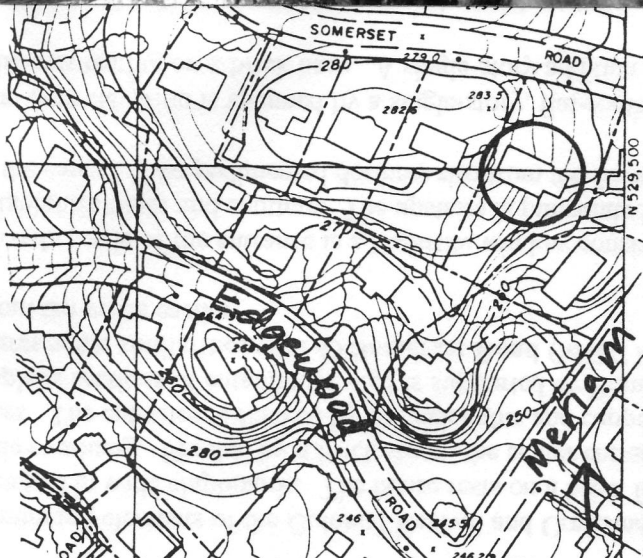
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 20,392 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

## BUILDING FORM (47 Somerset Road)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Combining elements of the Colonial Revival and Craftsman styles, 47 Somerset Road is a two-story, 5 x 3-bay dwelling sheathed in wide clapboards. The house rests on a brick foundation and is capped by a slate, hip roof with flared eaves and a wide overhang. Fronted by a brick stoop, the center entrance contains a six-panel door, with the two upper panels filled with glass. The entrance is flanked by full sidelights and capped by a semi-elliptical fan with keystone. The open gable porch displays sections of entablature, that is supported by Roman Doric columns, which are echoed by pilasters. The entrance shares some similarities with 43 Somerset Road (MHC #1131) next door although that house was apparently constructed about ten years earlier.

On either side of the entrance is a tripartite window consisting of a central 6/6 window flanked by 4/4 sash with an entablature lintel and shutters. The upstairs is punctuated by five individual 6/6 windows with entablature lintels that extend to the eaves. Two pedimented dormers rise from the front roof slope.

The west elevation is spanned by a single-story, flat-roofed sunporch lit by a combination of casement and doublehung windows resting on a brick base. A single-story addition projects from the east elevation.

The house is setback from the street and a brick walk leads to the front door. A large oak tree shades the front yard.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

See 60 Meriam St., MHC #388

This land was originally part of the 400-acre Francis B. Hayes estate which extended from Adams and Hancock Streets to Woburn Street (the house known as Oakmount or The Castle was built in 1884 and demolished in 1941). This portion of the Hayes estate was laid out in houselots in 1912.

This house was constructed in 1926 for Edwin and Ida Stevens. In 1926 Ida Stevens, who was living at 2 Oakland Street, was taxed for a houselot on Somerset. The following year she was assessed for a house and land, indicating the construction of the dwelling had been completed. Edwin Stevens apparently died soon after but his widow continued to live in the house until 1937. The house was owned by George and Marjorie Emery from 1937; it was sold by her heirs in 1984. The Emerys previously lived at 42 Somerset Road (MHC #1130) from 1923 until 1936.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*